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New step procedure to oversee Children's Trust Fund

Ken Luchterhand
Staff Writer

For many years, money in the Children's Trust Fund was controlled by Fifth Third Bank, with headquarters in Michigan and Ohio.

After the banking industry failures, there was a concern that maybe the Ho-Chunk Nation should review and update the original banking agreement with Fifth Third Bank.

Throughout the years, the relationship between that financial institution and the Ho-Chunk Nation has been rocky, so the Nation's Legislature has been looking into making a change for the past four years, said Clint Breed, Ho-Chunk Nation financial examiner.

As of May 1, a change has been made.

On the first of the month, the funds are now going through a four step process: The money is sent to a custodian, investments are made by an investment manager, records are kept by a trustee, and a financial advisor oversees the operations, Breed said.

"This process ensures a check-and-balance of meeting benchmarks

and following ethical banking rules," said Tribal Counsel Michelle Greendeer-Rave.

Years ago, the Nation held all the money for the children until they had graduated and turned 18. Then, there was a lawsuit, known as the Roger Littlegeorge lawsuit, Breed said. Apparently, while the Nation held the money in a trust fund for minor and legally-incompetent tribal members, the money could have been accessed through the court system by creditors in financial agreements. In other words, if money was owed to businesses or individuals, that money could be used to pay off the creditors.

"The result was a plan to separate out the trust fund from co-mingling with the Nation's accounts," Greendeer-Rave said.

So, the Nation sought an outside trustee bank in the late 1990s to 2000. Since then, the Nation has used the same bank since that time: Fifth Third Bank, who managed the money from start to finish, he said.

The problem with Fifth Third Bank is that the Nation couldn't receive enough updated information about the funds which were growing by the millions every per capita quarter. The Nation wouldn't receive performance reports as often as requested.

"The problem is that they would do everything from start to finish," Breed said. "There was no segregation of duties."

Legislature invited Fifth Third Bank to a meeting, but they were not able to provide any answers. At that point, the Legislature passed a resolution to create the Children's Trust Fund Task Force to identify issues and solutions to the issues.

The Children's Trust Fund Task Force, comprised of employees from many departments, has been

meeting periodically ever since that time and evaluating all the options available.

"We wanted every department involved because one piece of the puzzle affects all the other areas," Breed said.

They determined what type of services were necessary to maintain the funds, investments, disbursements and records, then sent requests for quotes from 30 different companies, narrowing down the most updated and competitive bids in the world.

"We created a scoring system and then conducted phone interviews," Breed said. "We narrowed the field from 30 down to eight vendors."

The battery of tests was based on fees, rates, consent to jurisdiction of tribal court and technology, Greendeer-Rave said.

Representatives from the eight banks then presented before Legislature, and Legislature then selected the financial firms.

Charles Schwab was selected as the custodian, meaning that firm is the trustee that holds the trust.

Key Bank was selected as the investment manager, which will buy and sell investments and conduct market studies.

Providence First Trust was selected as "Trustee," meaning it will be in charge of record keeping and will mail out statements to the minors on their accounts. Also, the firm will pay the taxes for the minors upon request and process the checks to them and record all the transactions.

Sovereign Finance, Phoenix, Ariz., will be the financial advisor which will provide oversight.

"In summary, now there is a check-and-balance system in place to protect the trust versus throwing all our eggs



in one basket at Fifth Third," Greendeer-Rave said.

"They will oversee all the other people," Breed said. "They'll monitor the other three and make sure they're doing what they're supposed to be doing."

Although there have been some difficulties in getting reports from Fifth Third Bank, the investments have fared well versus other investments made in the worldwide economy, Breed said. Many investments took a hit when the economy tanked during the recession beginning in 2007. But the money in the Children's Trust Fund was invested in government securities, which received a flat interest rate which were not tied to the stock market.

But the friction occurred with Fifth Third Bank when reports to the Nation were often not forthcoming or timely. Also, minors didn't have access to the figures of their own account. With the new structure, minors will receive a quarterly paper statement. Also, there will be component of financial literacy education, which was lacking from Fifth Third Bank entirely.

The new firms plan to attend General Council and Legislative meetings, along with putting on workshops of financial literacy for the youth.

"Handling a substantial trust account is scary for kids," Breed said.

"Other positives, besides protection, include that the Legislature created an updated Investment Policy Statement for the Nation, which hadn't been updated for more than a decade," Greendeer-Rave said.

"Also, a Trust and Investment Committee has been created to help them with sophisticated and update the financial aspects of the Nation," she said.



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Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation must be held accountable

Submitted by
WI State Representative
Chris Danou

It has only been a little more than two years since the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation (WEDC) was created. WEDC is a public-private organization that is formerly the Department of Commerce that is responsible for administering many of the state's economic development programs, including grants, loans, bonding authorization and tax incentives. With any type of new organization, it's fair to assume there will be some time needed for a proper transition or getting operations properly up and running. However, it has been over two years that WEDC has been appropriating taxpayer money so the kinks should have been ironed out by now.

Last week, the non-partisan Legislative Audit Bureau (LAB) released a scathing audit of WEDC for gross negligence, willful ignorance of the law and misappropriation of taxpayer funds. State auditors found that WEDC had made taxpayer-funded financial awards to unqualified recipients for ineligible projects and for amounts greater than policies allowed. WEDC also circumvented Wisconsin's fair and

competitive bidding process, ignored federal and state laws when giving out grants, ignored requests to put policies in place for handling delinquent loans, mismanaged record-keeping for tracking the number of jobs created and lacked transparency on staff compensation, staff fringe benefits, and gifts from businesses and other organizations with a financial interest in WEDC.

Also according to the LAB, WEDC failed its own basic policies to require financial statements from 12 of 14 recipients of grants and loans of more than \$100,000 and it did not monitor the amounts spent on each program because it was unfamiliar with accounting practices and did not put policies and procedures in place. WEDC employees were also found to have used taxpayer money to make highly questionable credit card purchases of UW football tickets, alcohol and iTunes gift cards. Of all the agency credit card purchases, only 44% of them had a specified purpose listed. Finally, the most disturbing find in the audit was how WEDC managed to lose track of over \$50 million in loans, including about \$12 million that were overdue.

The LAB's audit confirms why I was uncomfortable voting for this bill two years

ago because I felt there were not adequate safeguards to protect taxpayer money. Although it has been given great authority over our tax dollars, WEDC clearly lacks the necessary accountability and transparency measures that should accompany such obligation. While Democratic legislators offered extensive suggestions to improve accountability and transparency when WEDC was created, most of these protections and safeguards were rejected by legislative Republicans. By refusing to adopt commonsense transparency and accountability amendments, Republicans essentially provided the avenue for WEDC to waste our tax dollars.

Given the findings of this audit, it is obvious why Wisconsin ranks 44th in the nation in job growth and 45th in wage growth. Legislative Republicans supposedly created WEDC to be the state's job creation agency and yet, those efforts are failing because it does not have a clear plan, strong leadership, meaningful board involvement, and has ignored attempts at oversight and transparency. WEDC's problems have gotten so out-of-hand that even its CFOs are fleeing the agency. Its third CFO in less than two

years resigned last week after only one day on the job. If WEDC were a private-sector business, this kind of damaging audit would either cause the company to close its doors, its stock to plummet or find itself in court. This kind of activity is offensive to taxpayers of Wisconsin.

Losing track of taxpayer dollars during difficult economic times is unacceptable. We cannot allow WEDC to continue this fraud, waste, and abuse at a time when our schools are struggling, our infrastructure

is depleting, people are losing health care and our economy is rapidly falling behind. I firmly believe that until accountability and transparency measures are enacted and the missing money is found and returned, no new taxpayer dollars should go to WEDC and the programs it's supposed to fund. We must demand a higher level of accountability and responsibility from this agency as it works in a real effort to create jobs and move Wisconsin forward.

Letter to the Editor:

Thank you for reporting fairly on the recent G. C. Meeting. I adamantly wish to add (repeat) that the Separation of Business from Government is meant to enable our great Ho-Chunk Nation to diversify our economy outside of our current gaming enterprises! I envision it as the vehicle to expedite economic diversification of our revenue stream, similar to how many other Tribal Nations have been doing for decades!

This is our intent, despite what some tribal members might perceive this effort to be. We must prepare

ourselves for an inevitable reduction of our Indian Gaming revenues by outside competition. Internet gaming for one, and potential competition from other casinos, will have impact on our current gaming environment.

We haven't had much success with many of the endeavors that we have pursued over the past couple of decades! We need this desperately. I think we can work together over the next few months to "tweak it" and move forward! Thanks for listening

Rep. Greg Littlejohn

ATV 4 VETS LTD POKER RIDE

1st Annual Poker Ride. Preregistration (until May 17th, 2013) is \$25 which includes entry to door prizes and a t-shirt. Registration after May 17th is \$35 and there is a limited amount of t-shirts available with limited sizes. Maps and stops will be provided at a later time. Registration forms are available upon email request at atv4vetsltd@yahoo.com there will be two routes. One for ATV's and for motor vehicles. June 1st event runs from 9am until 4pm. Start line and finish line will be the same place.

ATV 4 Vets LTD is an organization determined to give veterans numerous positive opportunities. We plan to get veterans on ATV's on the state trails for no cost to the veteran. ATV's are being used to attract the younger generation of veterans. Too many times people forget about the younger generation. Suicide rates have soared among younger veterans. It is important to combat this statistic. In 2005 when we returned from Iraq one of our soldiers committed suicide and several others have tried. I have taken this issue personally and I decided to start a nonprofit organization to help fight this particular issue. We will draw in the target audience by using a fun and interesting experience on the ATV's. Every trip will be guided by a friendly veteran

willing to give up their phone number to the other veterans and also willing to help the veteran from the ride with future issues. This will be set up similar to a sponsorship program. We are hoping that while on the ride the veterans have a great time and can vent to other veterans about their problems and struggles. We hope to make such an impact on their lives that later on if they are struggling with an issue in life they will remember how great the ride was and they will call us to talk. We do not plan to make this a therapy session because quite frankly we are not skilled professionals in therapy and most of the time these approaches do not work in the younger generation. We are really focusing on making a great positive connection with the veteran, a connection where they want to talk to us after the ATV ride. One where they realize they are not alone in the struggles that accompany being a veteran. Our program is unique and will target veterans that really need the help right now.

We are currently soliciting funds to file for our tax exemption application, equipment, to buy ATV's, money for fuel, and operating costs. We have several fundraisers currently in effect. We have donation cards at local bars, we are in the process of printing 2013 ATV 4 Vets LTD calendars, raffle

tickets are being sold, and we have a spaghetti dinner scheduled for December 8th. Our ultimate dream is to own eight machines, but that will take time and money. If we cannot raise enough money to buy our own machines then our plan is to limit the rides to an amount that we can afford. We will rent machines from local ATV rental shops and limit ourselves to a few rides a year until we can get enough funds available to buy our own machines. Eventually we want to own our own machines and expand the program to snow machines so we can run the program year round. We will be writing grants and continually asking area businesses for donations to help our organization. We will also continue to do fundraisers. This summer we have a fundraiser ride in the works as well. We are hoping to raise enough money to get our tax exempt status and own at least two machines for the 2013 season.

Board Members: President: Nathan Harter (Disabled Veteran), Vice President: Jeremy Guza (Disabled Veteran), Secretary: Robert Brush (Disabled Veteran), Treasurer: Kasey Metzler. Address: 11909 South St., Trempealeau, WI 54661. Our Treasurer is an accountant and will be taking care of our books and taxes. All of our information and various updates are posted on our Facebook page as well.

Wisconsin Department of Transportation

Letter to the editor

If you think that you don't need to buckle your safety belt because you're a good driver, remember that you're likely sharing the road with bad drivers, who cause crashes when you least expect it. Once a crash occurs, it's too late to buckle up.

Fastening your safety belt every time you drive or ride in a vehicle provides proven protection against serious and fatal injuries. Buckling-up also is quick and easy, so it's hard to understand why approximately one out of five Wisconsin motorists does not wear a safety belt.

To increase safety belt use, law enforcement officers throughout Wisconsin will be patrolling city streets, rural roads, and major highways during the Click It or Ticket mobilization from May 20 to June 2. The Click It or Ticket message is clear—whenever officers see an unbelted driver or passenger, they will stop the vehicle and issue tickets.

The ultimate goal of the Wisconsin Department of Transportation and our traffic safety partners is to reduce the number of preventable traffic deaths to "Zero in Wisconsin." To achieve this life-saving goal, all of us—no matter how good a driver we think we are—need to buckle up every trip, every time.

*Mark Gottlieb
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Let the Hocak Worak help celebrate your achievements. Send us your pictures!! Whether you are a head start, high school, or college graduate, send in a picture with your name, where you are graduating from, and a brief description of your future endeavors.

With so much uncertainty in the world, a heartfelt congratulation is due to all those that have made the countless sacrifices necessary to graduate. And for those that feel their efforts are unproductive, DON'T GIVE UP, YOU CAN DO IT!

A special section of the Hocak Worak will be used to show your achievements! Please email or mail to the Hocak Worak by June 21st, for the June 28th edition of the Hocak Worak.



Behavioral Health hangs its shingle on newly remodeled facility

Ken Luchterhand
Staff Writer

Anyone passing the old Ho-Chunk Clinic building will notice a whole different look.

Gone is the steep-pitched roof at the entrance, along with a remodel, both inside and outside.

The building, at the corner of Airport Road and Lumberjack Guy Road, has been renovated for its new tenants: Behavioral Health.

"It is terrific," said Behavioral Health Supervisor Julie Abbott-Jones. "I was floored when I learned that we would get such a facility. It shows fabulous support of Behavioral Health. The whole building has been remodeled and it looks beautiful."

The staff moved into the facility shortly before Christmas, a move that has been in the making for years.

The first discussion about possibly moving to the facility occurred on Dec. 6, 2010, when Dr. Alex Thundercloud and Carol Rollins met with Julie Abbott-Jones.

At the time, Children and Family Services of Ho-Chunk Social Services had plans to move into the former Western Technical College building,

and the old clinic building would be available.

A remodeling project would be necessary to suit the needs of Behavioral Health. An IHS grant was available to the tribe annually for remodeling or renovating existing buildings. It took two fiscal years worth of grant money to complete the renovation for Behavioral Health.

The previous facility was in the current Clinic building, but it wasn't the intended home for the service. The some of the offices they occupied were meant for audio/video equipment, storage, and a conference room.

But the space became an issue and a real concern when the State of Wisconsin put into place requirements of a minimum number of certified staff. The Ho-Chunk Nation Behavioral Health Department didn't meet that requirement, so additional staff needed to be added. That would be fine; however, there wasn't enough space to house them in the existing facility.

A mental health therapist needed to be added, along with a continuing integration the old Alcohol and Other



Members of the staff at newly-remodeled Behavioral Health building are (from left) Julie Abbott-Jones, Penny Ybarra, Brook Seume, Traci Regis-Olson, Ruth Garvin, Roberta Holman, and Hera Lonetree-Rindahl. Not pictured is Angela Carrimon.

Drug Abuse (AODA) and Mental Health programs to meet the needs of the clients, so supervisory positions in AODA and Mental Health needed to be added.

With a green light being given for the change in facilities, renovation of the old clinic began in October 2012. When Phase 1 of the plans was completed, the staff moved into the renovated wing of the building a short time before Christmas.

Abbott-Jones said that Phase 2 was the north/south wing, which was finished in March, and Contract Health Services moved back in. When it came to designing the remodeled facility, careful planning was used in every design.

"A lot of thought went into it," Abbott-Jones said. "In addition to individual therapy rooms for mental health and substance abuse services, we have two group therapy rooms, which is a key mode of delivering services."

One of the newer offerings in group therapy is the "Fatherhood/Motherhood is Sacred" programs, which has been received well, she said.

"All of our programs are spiritually-based," she said. "We discuss topics such as 'What is our Creator's Purpose,' and 'The Meaning of Being a Parent.' It makes connections with Ho-Chunk parents."

As for the aesthetics, deliberate attention has been given to the outside of the



The building now offers two large rooms which can be used for meetings or for group therapy.



The reception and waiting area is open, designed to make visitors feel welcome to the building.

building, so that it may blend in with the rest of the Ho-Chunk Nation government buildings.

"It looks like a health campus, which was Dr. Thundercloud's vision," Abbott-Jones said.

Also, the interior walls of the structure are quite bare at the moment, but hopes are to fill the space with Native

artwork. Another need is for a new sign out front, which is planned to be completed soon.

Of the 20 employees at the Division of Behavioral Health, 11 of them are Ho-Chunk members, which is an increase from 2010, where six of the 14 were Ho-Chunk, making a 12 percent increase, she said.



The former building (top photo) used to have a steep-pitched roof at the entrance, but now the renovated building (lower photo) has been changed to look more like the rest of the Ho-Chunk Nation buildings in the complex.

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A brand new head start facility

Submitted by Laurel Meek,
Ho-Chunk Nations Head
Start Program Director

How lucky can any program be??? The Ho-Chunk Head Start Program is one lucky program, to have such incredible support from the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature!!! The Wisconsin Dells area approached their representative about the possibility of a new facility for the Head Start children. Information and a preliminary budget were presented, and

we were on our way to a new facility!!!!

This building was designed by HSR Associates located in La Crosse, Wisconsin. After much discussion and collaboration, a beautiful design, perfectly suited for children, emerged!!! After a few obstacles were overcome, we were able to find a contractor that would give life to these drawings. All American Lumber is that contractor.

It is perfectly sized, with a



The new Head Start building may be open by this June.



The front view of the new Head Start building that's located on Fern Dell Road in Lake Delton.

commercial kitchen to provide wonderfully healthy meals for the children, an area with movable stations for learning and play, wonderful storage... every teacher's dream...for all of those supplies for creative expression, a place to take care of laundry, wonderfully thought out sound absorption system, geothermal heating... and so much more!!!!

Substantial completion of the building is slated for June 28, 2013...in plenty of time for the arrival of the students in

the fall.

This facility will house 20 children, and we have no doubt...it will very soon be filled with the sounds of laughter and learning!!! We are very excited for the first day of school!!!!

Once again, on behalf of the children, families, and staff, we would like to extend a great big thank you to the honorable members of the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature for the full financial support of this project!!!



Construction is under way at the new location.

Head Start happenings

It has been another fantastic year in Head Start, but where has the time gone? We have had the opportunity to work with many of the children for almost two years now, but it is a bittersweet time of year, as we know they are well prepared for kindergarten, and yet it is always difficult to send them off!!! Since it must be done...we are working to make the transition from Head Start to Kindergarten to be the smoothest that it can be!!! The children are visiting the "big schools", getting familiar with the Teachers, the Libraries, the lunchrooms, and yes...the playgrounds!!!! They are writing their "whole big names", they will arrive at kindergarten being prepared with their ABC's and 123's, knowing their colors and shapes, having pre-math and pre-reading skills~ and I'm proud to announce that some are reading...how exciting is that!!!! The children of the Ho-Chunk Head Start Program are privy to a very, very

special gift. We want to extend a great big THANK YOU to the Language Department and the Niikuusra Charter School for providing the children with the opportunity to get the foundations of the Ho-Chunk language!!!! They will additionally be prepared to be "good friends", they will know how to take care of all of their own personal needs...getting in and out of snow gear, packing up their backpacks, trying lots of different foods, knowing how to ask for help if they need it, getting on and off the bus safely, knowing how to make good choices, and sooooo much more!!!! We are very proud of each and every one of them.

For those not moving on to the "big school", we are excited to have the opportunity to serve them another year!!!!

The children are working very hard to prepare for their annual year end celebrations, where they will provide fabulous entertainment for their family and friends!!!

This time of year always marks the time when we are recruiting for the new year!!! Priority is given to students who meet the current federal poverty guidelines, have diagnosed and documented disabilities, have a referral from ICW or another Human Service Agency, and Ho-Chunk Children. Although we take enrollment applications year round, and continue to enroll children year round as vacancies occur, we encourage you to submit applications for enrollment as soon as possible. You can call the office at 800-362-4476, and we will get you connected with the appropriate person in your

area to get the application process completed. You can email us at laurel.meek@ho-chunk.com or paula.ward@ho-chunk.com and we will get you set up with the application materials. Make sure to watch and listen for announcements, as there will be enrollment opportunities in each of the Head Start areas...just arrive with your child's immunization record, income verification, and proof of birth date...and complete your application. If you are a family returning to Head Start for a second year, your Family and Community Partnership Coordinator will be contacting you to get a return application completed.

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District III Legislator on June 4th 2013

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Somers delays possible lease of Ho-Chunk land

Submitted by Bill Guida

Rather than rush into a \$1, 99-year lease for a 16-acre property owned by the Ho-Chunk Nation at Seventh Street and 13th Avenue at a time when the town is hurting for revenue, the Town Board has decided to take no action for at least the next six months on presenting the offer to the Ho-Chunk.

The Ho-Chunk, who purchased the land in 2003 for \$50,000, have been paying property taxes of just over \$1,000 annually on the parcel since 2010.

Although property values began dropping in town with the economic downturn that hit in 2008, Kenosha County property records show that rather than lowering the value on the 16 acres, the town raised the value from \$5,700 in 2008 to \$53,400 in 2009 — an 837 percent increase.

Taxes on the land, although unimproved,

primarily wetland and virtually unbuildable, rose correspondingly from \$102.16 in 2008 to \$845.68 in 2009. Last year, the Ho-Chunk paid \$1,088.66 in property taxes.

Prior to discussion at the board's Thursday work session, members had thought the Ho-Chunk were tax exempt regarding the land, which administration and the previous Town Board have been looking to lease for purposes of developing it as recreational parkland, mainly for fishing and hiking.

However, town counsel Jeff Davison informed the board that while the Ho-Chunk own the property, they aren't exempt from property taxes levied on it. Davison also said in his opinion the land has been overvalued by the town.

With that, newly elected board member Judy Schantek said the town needs the \$1,000 on tax revenue more than acquiring additional

property for parkland right now that it can't afford to maintain.

Town Administrator Bill Morris pointed out that because the Pike River runs through the property, it would be "very prime for grant money" from federal and state sources. In addition, he noted little construction outside of a parking lot and possible walking trails is foreseen for the site. Construction in town parks, outside of labor costs and future operating costs, primarily gets funded through impact fees charged to developers.

Still, Michael DeLuca, who, like Schantek is newly elected to the board, questioned whether the town had anything to lose by waiting another six months before taking action on the matter. "If not, why the hurry?" he asked.

Town Chairman Ben Harbach also weighed in

against moving quickly on the proposal. "Is it really a priority?" Harbach asked, listing other items of significance with which the town already must deal, including rebuilding its creditworthiness following the recent downgrade received by Moody's Investors Services.

Board member Peter Riss, recalled growing up near the property before the Ho-Chunk purchased it and witnessing piles of trash dumped on the acreage illegally by the prior owner. The land continues to be a source of complaints as an illegal dump, and the town has taken to periodically having public works employees clean it up.

In other matters, Frank Carmichael, of the Safe Harbor Humane Society in Kenosha, was on hand at the work session to answer any questions about a proposed contract with the town to house and care for strays

picked up in Somers.

Under current policy, the town houses animals in professed no-kill facilities. Somers currently contracts for animal control and shelter with St. Francis Society in Bristol. That contract is set to expire this summer. Under it, St. Francis also serves as the animal control officer for Somers.

While Safe Harbor acts as a 24-hour receiving shelter for found or impounded animals, the non-profit organization does not respond to calls for strays. That is left to municipal or municipally contracted animal control officers, Carmichael told the board. He urged board members to make unannounced visits to St. Francis and Safe Harbor before deciding on a new contract.

Ho-Chunk Nation Veterans Supportive Housing Update

In 2012, funds were allocated by the HCN Legislature for a housing project to benefit the Veterans of the Ho-Chunk Nation. This project is called the **Veterans Supportive Housing Project ("VSH")**.

This project was assigned to Ho-Chunk Housing & Community Development Agency (HHCA), by the Legislature, with the goal of developing a 10-unit (one-bedroom) apartment-type building that will incorporate supportive services for Tribal Veterans.

[There is a separate Nation housing initiative known as "Veterans Home Ownership" ("VHO") that also serves Veterans, but ones who are potential homeowners. VHO is homeownership whereas VSH is rental with supportive services.]

The VSH facility will provide apartment-style living, with the addition of supportive services. Veterans will be able to apply for a one-bedroom apartment and upon

acceptance will have the opportunity to work with a case manager to seek out needed supportive services.

The concept of SUPPORTIVE HOUSING has been around for many years, but only recently introduced to Indian Country. In the past five years, Supportive Housing has become part of a number of Indian Communities, as Tribes have come to realize that providing shelter alone is not enough for many that need more supportive services, "help-one-another". This concept is familiar to indigenous people.

Supportive Housing is the integration of supportive services and housing, tailoring services to the tenants' needs. The supportive services may include: AODA, behavioral health, job skills & training, education, life skills, health & wellness, etc.

Supportive Housing is not the same as "transitional housing." Transitional hous-

ing is temporary housing to assist tenant with temporary or urgent situations such as domestic abuse or other crisis that requires 24-hour on-site staff providing on-site services and activities. Transitional housing is more expensive than Supportive Housing.

HHCA began presenting information on Supportive Housing in November, 2012, and has also hired a consultant to assist with the development of VSH. The Ho-Chunk Nation is the first Tribe to fully fund a veterans' supportive housing project. This opens the door to more creativity in developing a program that best meets the needs of Ho-Chunk veterans instead of being bound by federal government requirements. A workgroup has been formed: HHCA Staff, Veterans Affairs Officer — Sandra Winneshiek, and Hocak Volunteer Veterans — Brandon Winneshiek, Kerry Funmaker, Lynette Hopinkah, Ken Fun-

maker, and Ralph Snake.

One huge hurdle was designating a location to build the facility. The original plan was to build two small facilities (one in BRF and one in Wisconsin Dells), but the funds were cut in half. Announcements were mailed out to all Hocak Veterans, inviting them to a public meeting to hear the pros and the cons of proposed locations, including East Sandpilot and Little Blackhawk in Black River Falls and the Shaw Property (next to Greendeer home-stead) in Tomah, WI. There was much discussion on the locations, and the resolution was that Hocak Veterans in need, should be addressed immediately, that both housing & supportive services can be met in 2013 by designating East Sandpilot — Out lot 8; since its infrastructure is in place and the land is in trust status, allowing groundbreaking and construction this year. The RFP for Architectural/

Engineering firms were advertised on April 10, 2013.

HHCA has proposed the following construction schedule (but reserves the right to amend):

Hire Architect/engineering firm by May 19, 2013;

Plans developed and ready for advertising by July 10, 2013;

Bids are intended to be opened on August 1, 2013; and

Construction period is expected to be August through November, 2013.

For more information, please contact HHCA at 608/374-1245 or 800/236-2260 (Paul Tysse, Melanie Stacy, or Neil Whitegull).

Or email: paul.tysse@ho-chunk.com, melanie.stacy@ho-chunk.com, neil.whitegull@ho-chunk.com

2011 Supplemental Revenue Assistance Payments Program sign-up ends June 7th

Submitted by Julie Dokkestul, WI USDA

Wisconsin's Farm Service Agency Executive Director, Brad Pfaff, reminds producers that the sign-up period for the 2011 crop year Supplemental Revenue Assistance Payments (SURE) program ends on June 7, 2013. SURE provides assistance to farmers and ranchers who have suffered losses due to natural disasters. This is not a sign-up for 2012 losses.

"SURE is part of the 'safety net' that provides assistance to producers who have suffered losses from natural disasters," Pfaff said. "Producers who suffered losses during the 2011 crop year are encouraged to visit their local FSA office to learn more about the SURE program as the sign-up deadline is June 7, 2013."

To be eligible for SURE a farm must have:

- At least a 10 percent

production loss adjusted for quality on a crop of economic significance;

- A policy or plan of insurance under the Federal Crop Insurance Act or the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) for all economically significant crops;

- Been physically located in a county that was declared a primary disaster county or contiguous county by the Agriculture Secretary

under a Secretarial Disaster Designation. Without a Secretarial Disaster Designation, individual producers may be eligible if the actual production on the farm is less than 50 percent of the normal production on the farm due to a natural disaster.

In Wisconsin, counties that were determined primary or contiguous for 2011 include Wood and Clark.

Producers considered socially disadvantaged, a

beginning farmer or rancher, or a limited resource farmer may be eligible for SURE without a policy or plan of insurance or NAP coverage.

For more information on the 2011 SURE program, call or schedule an appointment before the June 7th deadline by contacting the Jackson County FSA office at 715-284-4515 ext 2 or go online to <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/sure>.

Youth to Tour Ivy League College

Ken Luchterhand
Staff Writer

The thought of attending college can be very intimidating, especially when the college is far from home.

Sara Dobbs wants students to get past those fears and go on to become better educated individuals.

Dobbs is a youth coordinator with Ho-Chunk Youth Services at District One Community Center.

She also wants them to know that the nationally-renowned universities and colleges are available to them, even the Ivy-league colleges on the East Coast.

That's why she is organizing to take 24 students from the Black River Falls area to colleges such as Harvard, Yale, Brown University and Dartmouth. Plans are to take the students, grades 6 through 11, plus six chaperones on the trip from June 24 through 30.

She got the idea from her sister, Nehomah Thundercloud, who took students on trips to several Ivy League colleges. Thundercloud's first trip was with her younger cousin, whom she wanted to

show her the colleges out East that she could attend.

That adventure inspired a second trip about six years ago, one in which she took seven students and three chaperones in a 15-passenger van. The purpose of the trip was threefold, she said. First, they got to visit the colleges and were informed what each was like. They visited Cornell, Dartmouth, Harvard, MIT, Brown, Yale, NYU, Columbia, Princeton, Georgetown universities. Secondly, they met with several young native professionals and were told what they had to do to succeed.

"We met with several people. One was a museum curator and another was working in a fellowship in the U.S. Senate," Thundercloud said.

And third, they visited several native historical sites, such as the Mashantucket Pequot Museum and Research Center in New York City, so there was a cultural component to the experience. They also visited Carlisle Indian Industrial School in Carlisle, Pennsylvania, which was an Indian Boarding School at the

turn of the century.

So, plans are being made to make a similar trip this summer.

"Native youth are not usually exposed to the higher-end colleges. Usually we limit the youth to colleges in Wisconsin. We need to show them that they don't need to be limited," Dobbs said. "For instance, if your parents earn under \$150,000 a year and are native, you can attend Dartmouth tuition-free."

Every college has a multicultural center, where Native American students can gather, and connect with, to gain support while far from home. One of the reasons Native American children have difficulty attending college is because they miss the connection with their extended family and friends back home. A multicultural center helps bridge that gap, Dobbs said.

Dobbs has the costs calculated and the route planned. She's contacting each of the colleges for arrangements, plus beginning to plan for overnight housing.

Although there are many talented students from other areas of Wisconsin who might benefit from the trip, they're starting with a group from Black River Falls to get such an endeavor established.

"I'd like to make it a yearly thing," Dobbs said.

Dobbs said she raised her children with the notion that they were going to attend college.

"It wasn't a matter of 'if,' but 'where' they were going to attend," she said.

And all children, regardless of background or grade-point-average should have that opportunity.

"That's why we're going to select the students to go on a trip based on the essays they



The previous college tour took the Ho-Chunk youth group to Mashantucket Pequot Museum and Research Center in Mashantucket, Connecticut.



Treats are always fun, but nothing compares to the treat of ice cream. The college tour group spent an evening at Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream in Hanover.

write, not their GPA," she said. "I want kids who show potential."

The deadline for the essay contest is June 1.

She said the judges will take into account many factors in making their decision, one of them is the student must be able to behave. Each participant will need to sign a behavior contract. The trip is long and much trust will be placed on them to be where they need to be and to do what they need to do in a responsible manner.

The whole trip is a means to get the youth to seriously think about the next step in their lives.

"It's all about motivation. They need to be able to see the big picture," she said.

Two shuttle buses and a minivan will travel together to transport the group.

There are additional requirements for the students: they will need to keep a journal of their college visits. Those notes will be vital for the reports they will need to

give to the Ho-Chunk Legislature.

Dobbs believes a report is necessary because Legislature has agreed to fund some of the trip. Other money will come from fundraisers and donations for the trip.

While in New York City, Dobbs hopes they will have time to take in a little more of the atmosphere and culture of the area. She knows of a glass-blower near Dartmouth where they can see glass creations come to life. Another attraction for the group would be the Jelly Belly jellybean company, where they can see how they are made and get a few free samples, to boot.

But the main point of the trip is to expose the youth to as many possibilities as possible so that first step into attending college won't be so frightening.

"It made a big impact on our group," said Desiree Pettibone, who went on the similar trip several years ago. "The majority of the people in our group went on to school."



A trip to the East coast wouldn't be complete without a visit to the beach and to see the Atlantic Ocean.



HO-CHUNK NATION

Department of Labor

"Summer Youth Employment Program"

(14-17 years old HCN enrolled)

Application Process 2013

We will start taking applications beginning **April 30, 2013** with a closing date of **May 31, 2013**.

All HCN enrolled tribal youth (14-17 yrs.) have the opportunity to apply. Applications will be considered on a first come, first serve basis. The SYEP is limited to **50 applicants for 2013**.

*****Incomplete applications will not be accepted! (Work permit and proof of HCN Tribal Enrollment must be attached to the Application.)**

***** The worksite must be approved by the Department of Labor.**

(Youth not are allowed to work where immediate family members are employed.)

In order to complete an application, the youth must submit the following required forms in order to be considered for the SYEP. If you were on Ho-Chunk Nation SYEP previously, you will only need to complete a med-screening, tax, application, and applicant approval forms.

1. **Med-screening Form** required-must be complete with **Parent/Guardian** signatures.
2. **Application** - completed, signed and dated by the **Youth and Parent/Guardian**.
3. **Work Permit** - if required by the state in which you reside-**new applicants only**.
4. **Proof of HCN Tribal Enrollment**
5. **Labor Applicant Approval Request Form** - must be approved by the Compliance Division.

The Department of Labor applications will be date stamped to verify when received with all required information. It will be the **youth's responsibility** to contact the Department of Labor to verify if their application has been received and if any information is still needed.

If you are 14-17 years old and have questions, contact **Elva Brown**, in the Department of Labor at (800)294-9343 or (715)284-5877 at Ext. 1162.

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Siblings graduate college on the same day

Submitted by Lorie Rieder

Gathered with a cloud of witnesses, looking down from the grandstand of Heaven, the late Gretchen Eagleman (nee Young Thunder), White Feather, a Ho-Chunk Nation esteemed elder, along with their late Paternal Grandfather, Oliver Eagleman Sr., enjoyed watching their three grandchildren make their debut into the arena of life.

The children of Luis Brown Sr. and Toni Eagleman II graduated from Northern State University in Aberdeen S.D. on May 4th 2013.

The eldest, Tomee L. Brown, Tokaheyawin, was awarded a Masters of Science in Education degree (M.S. Ed.) for Clinical Mental Health Counseling.

Nathaniel C. Brown, Wakinyan Ahokipa, earned his Bachelor's of Science (B.S.) degree in Human Performance and Fitness.

mance and Fitness.

The third child to earn a Bachelor of Science (B.S.) degree in Psychology is Gretchen Brown, Wambli Win.

They were joined with congratulations by family and friends. The graduates were robed with star quilts, handmade by their mother and relatives. Being gifted with a star quilt is a revered Lakota honor and marks major life events. In pre-colonized times, buffalo robes were given as a high honor-today star quilts are given to loved ones.

The Brown graduates received multiple star quilts by family and friends.

They were honored the previous night at a graduation dinner sponsored by the Universities Multicultural Students Affairs office where Nathaniel received an eagle feather and sisters Tomee and Gretchen received eagle



Siblings Tomee, Nathaniel and Gretchen Brown.



Graduates and family. Tomee, Nathaniel, Lincoln Oliver, Louie Brown, Gretchen, Carter Laroche and Toni Eagleman.

plumes which were worn during the graduation ceremony.

The remaining three Brown grandchildren are Louis Brown Jr., Montgomery W.W. Brown and Macaulay Brown.

Louis Jr. earned his Bachelor of Art degree, majoring in History.

U.S. Navy H.M. Montgomery Brown is a medical corpsman, assigned to the U.S. Marines.

Macaulay is an undergraduate student at the United Tribes Technical College in Bismarck N.D. majoring in Tribal Environmental Science.

The late Gretchen Eagleman, the maternal grandmother, is a college grad herself earning a Master's degree in Special Education from the University of South Dakota in Vermillion. She also earned a B.A. in Education from the University of North Dakota, Grand Forks N.D.

The graduate's maternal grandfa-

ther is the late Oliver Eagleman Sr. of Wapakala S.D., an esteemed elder of the Standing Rock Lakota Nation.

Their paternal grandparents are the late Maurice Brown, of Klamath Tribe of Oregon and the late Janice Sampson Brown of the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe, Nixon, Nevada.

Honored families in attendance were their Gaga, Pinkah Greengrass and Nani, Verna (Lorie) Rieder (nee Hopinkah).

Their Aunt Coleen Eagleman and family drove from Grand Forks, N.D. also to attend the graduation.

The HO-CHUNK NATION CHILDREN AND FAMILY ACT and HO-CHUNK NATION THIRD PARTY GUARDIANSHIP ACT permit the Court to appoint a guardian ad litem (GAL) to protect the best interests of minor children in juvenile court proceedings.

The Court shall host an on-site GAL training session on May 29-31, 2013, at Wa Ehi Hoci in Black River Falls.

Current guardians ad litem seeking to serve during the 2013-2014 year are required to attend at least eight (8) hours of continuing legal education pursuant to the HCN Rules for Guardian Ad Litem adopted by the Supreme Court.

Ho-Chunk employees may receive paid Educational Leave to attend the course. Please contact your immediate supervisor for more information.



GUARDIAN AD LITEM TRAINING May 29-31, 2013



Information regarding service as a GAL is available from the Clerk of Court at (800) 434-4070 or (715) 284-2722 or online at <http://ho-chunknation.com/?PageId=481>



Attention
Ho-Chunk Youth
Grades 6th-11th
As of fall of 2013!

What do you want to be when you grow up?!

Essay Contest!

Topic: Why is college important to you?
Why do you want to go?

Essay must be at least one page. Typed and double-spaced. Please include: why college is important to you, why you want to go to college, and lastly what profession you would like to have. Also, include what your dream college would be!

Deadline for essays will be June 1, 2013

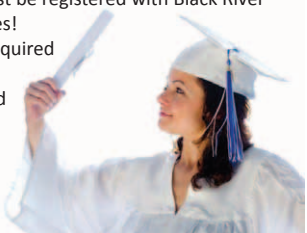
Trip dates are June 24-30th

Submit essays to Sara Dobbs @ Black River Falls Youth Services. (District 1 Community Center)

Please submit two copies of your essay one with your name and one without so we can have a panel review your essay fairly!

Participants must be registered with Black River Falls Youth Services!

Winners will be required to keep a journal during the trip and do a presentation after for our Legislators.



Baraboo softball team wins title in home tournament

Sherman Funmaker
Staff Writer

On this cold windy day at Baraboo's Pierce Park the Baraboo High's girls softball team pulled off a tournament win in front of the home crowd.

There was a blowout, a late-game thriller and a title game victory.

The Baraboo High School softball team did it all before winning the Baraboo Tournament on Saturday at

Pierce Park.

The Thunderbirds blew past Cedarburg in the opening round, 14-0, eked out a 2-1 victory over Beloit Memorial in eight innings, and topped Homestead in the championship game, 6-2.

The team's designated hitter Maleana Cloud drove in four runs off a double and a single for Baraboo en route to a 13-run third inning and 14-0 victory over Cedarburg in the first round of the tournament.



Junior Baraboo designated hitter Maleana Cloud.

Maleana was held pretty much hitless in the next 2 games, but the junior transfer from Black River Falls has been a welcome addition to the Baraboo team.

This season, her first at Baraboo she has a batting average of around 300.

"This is my first year here and I really like it. We have a good team and I like the coaches we have. I've learned a lot from them," Maleana said.

This young Ho-chunk athlete has been playing softball for about seven yrs and she said when she played in Black River Falls she played first base and left field. Her coach at Baraboo feels she will do the most good for the team by being the designated hitter for now.

"I can pretty much play any position on the field" she adds.

Her mother Jessica Stacy said that they had recently moved here while she was employed at the Ho-Chunk Casino.

"She has played ball since she was in the 3rd grade. Her most favorite sports that she likes to play are basketball and softball. She is a real good kid and has even made the honor roll in school. She plans on continuing her education after high school" Jessica adds.

When Maleana isn't hitting homers and winning games she is also involved in music.

"I want to look into record



The 2013 Baraboo High School softball team pictured front row, from left, Elizabeth Carignan, Kelsey Brown, Kaitie Weiland, middle row, Megan Ederer, Tatiana Martinez, Ashley Ederer, Amy Schlender, back row, Shelby Gerkin, Karissa Fritsch, Jessie Carignan, Kathryn Vander Schaaf, Kelsey Digmann, Maleana Cloud, and Kaitlin Stieve.

producing while I'm going to school." She said.

She has played trumpet in school and has always been interested in music and the producing of music for a while. Her mom said she has a beat machine that helps her keep her foot in the door and open to musical ideas and sounds.

Cloud said, "I like hip hop and R and B music and would love to do something in those two genres of music, but mainly learn what I can in school and see how it goes"

She has plans on going to one of the UW colleges when she graduates next year.

"I would like to stay close to home and go to one of the state colleges, or if I can, get into the University of Wisconsin in Madison. My grades are pretty good and if I could get lucky enough to play ball for them that would even be better."

She said that she plans on majoring in Business Administration with a minor in Music.

Jaret Decorah plays golf for Reedsburg

Sherman Funmaker
Staff Writer

Freshman athlete and son of tribal member Joe Decorah, Jaret is one of just a few underclassmen that are good enough to make the high school's varsity golf team. As a matter of fact he is the only freshman to play on the varsity team.

In just his first year of competitive golf experience Jaret has shown that he has what it takes to compete with older and more experienced golfers.

According to his dad he has been hitting balls and swinging clubs since he was around 6 years old.

His dad is an accomplished golfer himself and is also an assistant coach for this year's high school team.

"His first clubs were those big plastic things that kids have but as he grew I got him clubs that would fit him" his dad said.

Young Jaret, according to his dad has a really natural golf swing and has no plans on messing with it. With a drive off the tee of around 280 yards his main concern is helping him deal with the course itself.

"I think that at this point I have to really help him with the mental aspect of the game.

He has some rough spots sometime but he can usually bounce back from any bad shots or wrong decision. He is a young guy and he needs to know that bad shots are a part of the game and he has to learn to quickly get over those shots that aren't quite right and get back to business."

Overall the Reedsburg team isn't too bad, according to Joe, but with this year's extended winter cut into any practice time and that seemed to hurt them at the start of the season.

"Some of the other teams had indoor facilities and so they got a jump on us. We don't have an indoor range so they pretty much started the season with little or no preparation" Decorah said.

The 6 foot 185 pound student athlete has been busy playing baseball, football and this season, golf.

His dad seems to think that golf is his best sport but he said that he enjoys playing football too and even commented to his dad that he has hopes of playing football for U.W. Madison some day.

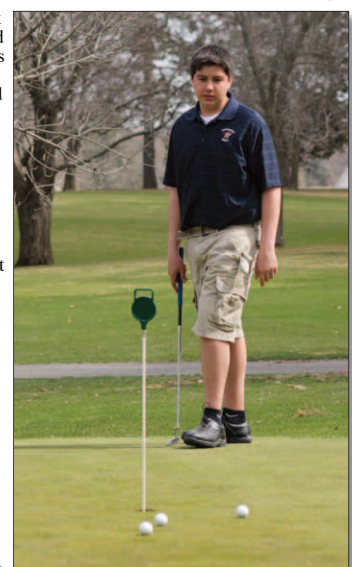
They don't handicap their scores in high school but Jaret shows signs of improving and becoming a part of the future of this team.

His coach Mark Johnson is excited to have him on his squad this year and looks forward to seeing how these young players will progress.

"Our future looks good with some of these younger guys coming up and playing well. Jaret will only get better as he faces more competition and get more experience at the game. He has a good swing and a lot of potential to become a good and complete player. He still has a bit to learn but he is coming along just fine." Johnson said.

Jaret is planning on continuing this education after high school and his father is sure that sports will be a part of his college career.

"He is still young and he has talked about going to college even when he was in grade school he talked about



Jaret on the practice green.

that" Joe said.

For now Jaret is busy working on his golf game in hopes of getting better and being able to contribute more to the high schools golf team.



Jaret (second from left) prepares for the days competition.

Ho-Chunk student stays busy with an array of projects

Sherman Funmaker
Staff Writer

Being thirteen is a bit different today than when we were kids. The age of technology is upon us and has seemed to overtake some of our Native youth's time and energy. We seem to be surrounded by more than enough things to keep our minds occupied.

Well, I should say some of today's Native youth.

There is a thirteen year-old multi-talented girl that has accomplished more in her short life than most do by



Dells archery team member Ayanna Upchurch.

those twice her age.

Ayanna Upchurch, the daughter of Josh Upchurch (Osage) and Alexis Thundercloud (Ho-Chunk) stays very busy with a number of things.

Born in Oklahoma and having just recently back to Wisconsin two years ago this

Spring Hill Middle School student has blossomed into quite a multi-talented young lady.

She started hitting wiffle balls in her back yard with her dad at age 3. She began competitive sports at 5 and she hasn't stopped since. A natural ball player, Ayanna has been winning tournaments for a while now. Her father Josh said that she has won multiple Class A softball tournaments in Oklahoma playing with the Oklahoma Slapjacks, a United States Specialty Sports Association 9 and under fast pitch girl's baseball team.

This very busy seventh grader has been involved in sports, theatre, art and graphic design and there are no signs of stopping her now.

Academically she is a near 4.0 GPA student. She has that 4.0 GPA in her sights and is working to get there and stay there.

Her mother said that many days she puts in more hours than anyone else in the family with her archery, softball practices and trainings and of course, her studies.

"Ayanna is very focused and energetic young lady and it astounds me how she can keep all of this going on with this much dedication...by Thursday or so we know she is beat and we just let her rest and try not to mess with her because she is pretty tired by then" mom Alexis adds.

She is equally passionate about all of these activities and really would like to play softball for the University of Oklahoma team one day.

Her mom, who works in

the health field, said that at one time Ayanna told her she would like to go into the medical field also. After she thought about it the student said that she would like to go into family practice, "so she can help more people" Alexis said very proudly.

Two years ago Ayanna auditioned for a school play and was named to play the lead in the production.

"She came back from school and said that she had auditioned for an acting part and a couple of days later came in and told us that she had got the part. I thought she was kind of shy and then she comes in and said that she was the lead...kind of took us back" her mom said.

She has also landed the lead role in her second school play this year, a play called the Cornfield of Dreams.

Back to athletics...she is only in her second year with the schools archery team and as a team they are third in the state with Ayanna among the top 50 in the US among fellow middle school archers.

As a starting pitcher for her first year at that position, she is so far; she is undefeated with a 4-0 record thus far and leads the team in all statistical categories.

She also is an artist and has been involved with that for a while also. Her mom said that she is into just about anything that involves creating and forming something artistic.

"She was awarded a scholarship last year to the University of Wisconsin Baraboo to attend a week long graphic art and painting classes where she learned a



Ayanna and her bow at the Nationals.

lot of things about creating posters and other creative applications"

Her artwork was also recently a part of a collection that was shown at the state capitol in Madison.

Musically she is the advanced flautist in her school's band and has been performing high school music compositions.

Last year she won her

schools spelling bee and competed in the Scripps Regional competition that was held in Adams Friendship WI.

Ayanna believes that she should lead by example and as far as we can see, she is doing just that. She is an example of what a young Native girl should strive to be.

A fine example indeed.

Baraboo Bowling teams earn state berths

Sherman Funmaker
Staff Writer

The Baraboo High School boys and girls club bowling teams have qualified for the Wisconsin High School Bowling Congress state tournament that was held March 1-2 at Dale's Weston Lanes in the Wausau suburb of Schofield.

The Baraboo girls won the five-team Central Wisconsin High School Bowling conference, scoring 21 team points to runner-up Tri-County's 17. The Thunderbirds boys' team scored 16 points to finish second behind Wisconsin Dells.

The top two teams in each conference qualify for state.

Matches are bowled using the Baker format, in which five bowlers per team bowl two frames each of the same game. Because that makes individual averages impossible to compile, bowlers are ranked by the percentage of frames that they "fill" with a strike or spare.

Baraboo's Aaron Weinke and Cameron Mislivecek

tied for sixth in the league rankings, each filling 80 percent of 244 frames apiece. Rob Christian filled 78 percent of 166 frames.

Ho-Chunk freshman Sarah Crowley, daughter of Kim Crowley is one of the team bowlers that finished 9th overall in the state tournament.

According to first year Coach Randy Sosinski, "Sarah has come a ways in her bowling skills. She was just a freshman and probably comes in and practices more than anyone else on the team."

Coach Sosinski, who is the manager at Knuckleheads Bowling in Lake Delton, said that many of the student bowlers come in and play for free courtesy of him and the Knuckleheads organization. Also many of them bowl there on Saturday mornings in the Junior League.

He has been coaching for many years and coaches both boys and girls teams. And he sees these up and coming high school teams as potential champion contenders.

"I have been coaching since 1982 so a lot of these parents and I hate to say it, but a lot of their parents I even coached along the way" he laughed.

The bowling program at Baraboo High has only been in existence for 2 years and this year was the first time in the school's history that they made it this far in the playoffs, but with mostly underclassmen the teams have a good chance to repeat as contenders.

The Baraboo team is in the 9A division with four other teams.

Jenna Siemke led the Baraboo girls, placing third in the league with a 71 percent fill rate over 246 frames. Alexa Lindsay filled 65 percent of 246 frames.

Team member for the girls team are Alexa Lindsay, Jenna Siemke, Jamie Weiland, Sarah Crowley, Bailey Bowers, Rachel Leatherberry.

Coaches are Randy Sosinski and Tad Bowers.



Coach Randy Sosinski

Teams gather from afar for volleyball tournament

Submitted by Katie Funmaker

On May 4, the masses descended on Black River Falls to watch the premier volleyball event of the year! Not really but we did have a great turnout. Nine teams showcased their volleyball prowess at the Sam Young Gymnasium. The morning started out with a nine team round robin; two games vs each team, games to 15 points. Most teams played with six players while others played with five or four.

While some teams were "Dusting off the Rust," other teams were put together at the "Last Minute." But that didn't stop their determination to win and play hard. They battled for a spot in the tournament. The team that finished the round robin with the lowest amount of points was dropped from the tournament. The remaining eight teams were seeded by (1) the amount of wins and in the event of a tie (2) by the total number of points.

Once the teams were seeded they played two games to 25 points. If they both won a game, they would play a 3rd game to 15 points. Some of the matches were a blow out while others fought to play a 3rd game. Once we got down to the top four teams, games got closer

and it was "Something Cool" to watch. You had high flyers, double blocks, great volleys, and some spectacular digs. By the time "One Chunk" team was left, teams were starting to either player better or slow down and they finished in 3rd place. The Championship game took place between last years' Champion 3GC, LLC and Northern Wisconsin Natives. They played three tough games, each winning by the smallest margin (2 points). Ultimately the Northern Wisconsin Natives and their young squad managed to beat the older but fundamentally strong 3GC, LLC team.

It was a great day for volleyball and thank you to the Ho-Chunk Nation for sponsoring the tournament. Thanks to the Black River Falls School District for letting us use their facilities. Our officials, who called almost every game were; Rob Voss, Louise Voss, and Mary Danielson. A big thank you to our volunteers; BreeAnna Walker, Leah Ann Walker, Kelly Funmaker, Sheila Corbine, and Olivia Curley. They were present all day to register players, keep score and assist in cleaning. Thanks John Thurow for setting up and taking down and making sure our tournament was a success.



1st Place – Northern Wisconsin Native (Crandon, WI)
2nd Place – 3GC, LLC (Keshena, WI)



3rd Place – One Chunk (Ho-Chunk Territories)



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Ho-Chunk Nation's Memorial Day Pow-Wow May 25, 26 & 27 2013

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Andrew Blackhawk Memorial Pow-Wow Grounds
5 Miles east of Black River Falls on Hwy 54

Contest/Traditional Dancing, **Over \$67,000 in Contest Payout.**

MC's: Lance Long/Vince Beyl
Arena Director: Ken Funmaker Jr.
Drum Judge: Corey Hindsley
Dance Judge: Robert Funmaker Jr.
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Winnebago Sons, TBA
Security: Bear Clan

**Saturday
& Sunday
Meals
at 5 p.m
Everyone
Welcome.**



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GRAND ENTRIES Saturday: 1 p.m. & 7 p.m., Sunday: 1 p.m. & 7 p.m.,
Monday: at Noon

Andrew Blackhawk Memorial Flag Raising - Saturday May 25



Flag Registration starting at 10:00 a.m. Sat-Sun-Mon until all poles are taken.

Monday Flag Ceremonies

All flags to half staff 10:00 a.m.
All flags to full staff Noon
All flags to retire 4:00 p.m.

Veteran's Memorial Recognition
1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Veteran's
give-away after colors are retired.

For more pow-wow info contact: Robert Funmaker Jr. 608-356-6210 ext. 2469
Vendors must be Native American and be able to show proof, fee is \$150
for all three days, vendor contact CaraLee Murphy 715-299-1776

The Ho-Chunk Nation, Memorial Day Pow-Wow staff or any involved organizers of this event are not responsible
for accidents, injury or theft. Alcohol, drugs & firearms are absolutely prohibited.

Social Services unveils Adult Prevention and Protection Program

At-risk adults now can receive help from Ho-Chunk Social Services

Ken Luchterhand
Staff Writer

For the past year, the Adult-at-Risk program has been operating, providing referrals and services to people adults, ages 18-59, who were previously ineligible for services with the Ho-Chunk Nation Child and Family Services. The younger age group, 0-17, have been covered with Social Services programs through the Ho-Chunk Nation's Children's Code and any tribal member age 60 and older was covered by the Ho-Chunk Nation's Elder's Code. The Ho-Chunk Nation's Adult-at-Risk Code was passed in February 2013 and now allows the Ho-Chunk Nation Adult-at-Risk program authority to help adults who are considered "at-risk," which means at danger from other people or from themselves.

Prior to the Adult-at-Risk Code being passed, adults considered to be at-risk consisted of 151 adult intakes to Child and Family Services, not including an addition 156 elder intakes in 2012. In the adult intakes, the state of Wisconsin had jurisdiction over court related matters, but statistics show that the tribal members weren't receiving the help they need.

"That's one of the things that have been our frustration," said Child and Family Services Director Valerie Blackdeer. "Many tribal members aren't comfortable talking to county workers. There's not the same level of trust. Prior to the code, we didn't have services (to that age group) by the Nation," Blackdeer said. In addition to the new code and program, Valerie Blackdeer stated that they hope to have a

separate intake line for at-risk adults and elders by July 2013 in order to focus exclusively on adult and elder tribal members.

The Adult Prevention and Protection Program assists adults from the age of 18 to 59 who have a disability or are at risk of becoming disabled and those who are vulnerable and have the potential to need protection or currently need protection from abuse, neglect, self-neglect or exploitation. Now the Ho-Chunk Nation social workers can investigate cases at clients' homes. Previously, it could only be done at a state-licensed facility. The policy of any assistance is that the Nation is the Payer of last resort, meaning all other avenues of help, such as county and state, must be investigated and disqualified first.

"We want people to know this program is out there," Blackdeer said. "The program will help get people through a crisis. It's not for ongoing expenses. It's not for ongoing supportive services – mainly for crises – to get them to a place where they can be stable and to advocate for them." Any help would be considered as temporary and couldn't for a recurring expenses. For instance, if a person needed help paying for an adaptive aid, or temporary transportation needs, or for staff to find funding resources for the client.

"We're strong on preventative measures – across the board," Blackdeer said.

To obtain the services, the needs must be immediate or the person at risk of a dangerous or vulnerable situation. Because the needs

of the clients may be many, the social workers are hoping to collaborate with other Ho-Chunk Nation departments and programs, such as Ho-Chunk Housing, the Tribal Aging Unit and Veterans' Affairs.

"We want to make sure their needs are met," Blackdeer said. "We like to have some pre-thought so we can work together."

Adult at Risk Eligibility Guidelines:

"Adult at Risk means any adult 18-59 who has a physical or mental condition that substantially impairs his or her ability to care for his or her needs and who has experienced, is currently experiencing, or is at risk of experiencing abuse, neglect, self-neglect, or exploitation."

The adult must:

- Be an enrolled member of the Ho-Chunk Nation, age 18 to 59 and have at least one of the eligibility factors listed below

- Has a physical or cognitive presenting problem that makes them more vulnerable and at risk of or in current need of preventative measures or protective actions.

- Has a disability determination
- Has applied for a disability determination
- Needs to be referred to the State Adult at Risk system (Only until the Adult at Risk HCN code can be completed. Then this program will be able to investigate abuse, neglect, self-neglect and exploitation)

Elder Eligibility Guidelines:

"Elder" means any Ho-Chunk enrolled member who is sixty (60) years of age or more.



Ho-Chunk Social Services staff in the Adult-at-Risk program are (from left) Betty Kingsley, Mary Wegman, Dawn Brandt, and Carrie Pudlick.

- Be an enrolled member of the Ho-Chunk Nation, age 60 and older
- Has a physical or cognitive presenting problem that makes them more vulnerable and at risk of or in current need of preventative measures or protective actions.
- Elite Elders, age 70 and older
- Acknowledgement of Status and
- Has a physical or cognitive presenting problem that makes them more vulnerable and at risk of or in current need of preventative measures or protective actions.

Services Needed for Adults at Risk and Elders

Needs resource and referral services to:

- HCN services
- State/County/Private services
- Needs short term case management services

Adult Prevention and Protection Program Guidelines:

Ho-Chunk Nation Adult Prevention and Protective Services Program is the payer of last resort for financial payments related to services. Social Workers will assist individuals with exploring other resources

prior to approval of financial assistance from Ho-Chunk Nation Social Services Adult Services Program. Each situation is assessed to identify the necessary services. Payment for services will be based on need versus want due to the limited amount of funding.

Supportive/adaptive services that can be provided through this program are as follows:

- Well being Checks : staff visit adult to make sure they are ok and needs are met
- Advocate for Services
- Completing and filing documents such as but not limited to:

- Judicare Applications
- Power of Attorney for Health

- Power of Attorney for Finances
- Housing Applications
- Restraining Orders

The Adult Prevention and Protective Services Program will not provide assistance with rent or security deposits. If there is a financial crisis related to bill payment the individual will be required to receive budgeting assistance provided by the Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Social Services Life Skills Program.

Vote For Kim Waukua for District III Legislator

Greetings to all of the Tribal Members whom reside in the District III Area of the Ho-Chunk Nation. It would be an Honor and a privilege to serve as your Legislator in the upcoming Election on June 4th, 2013. I have been campaigning and meeting many of you and to those of you I have not had the pleasure of meeting yet, I truly hope to do so.

I take this time to reach out to those of you in County Jails, Hospitals, and Correctional Institutions. You are a member of very strong Tribe and your voice is heard out here just as well. Juneau, Wood, Marathon, Portage, Adams, Waushara, Fond Du Lac, Shawano, Outagamie, Brown, Winnebago, Sheboygan, Marquette, Waupaca County residents, I need your vote.

You can request an Absentee Ballot from the Ho-Chunk Nation Election Board
206 South Roosevelt Road, P.O.Box 756, Black River Falls, WI. 54615
TELEPHONE (715) 284-8900 • TOLL FREE (800) 890-0583
FAX NUMBER (715) 284-8600

A voter may vote by absentee ballot provided the Election Board receives the absentee ballot request in writing no later than Wednesday, May 29, 2013 by 4:00 P.M. See Election Board Code, sec. 12 a (1) Requests MUST INCLUDE the eligible voter's name printed or typed (with signature), physical address where the ballot will be delivered (we use UPS Next Day Air – UPS Next Day Air will not deliver to a P.O. Box), daytime telephone number and enrollment number. Absentee Ballots must be received before 7:00 P.M. on Tuesday, June 4, 2013. Absentee ballots may be returned by overnight mail, so they may be received at the Election Board Office or the polling places prior to the Election Day.

Vote for Kim Waukau for District III Legislator,
Pinagigi



SUMMONS

(First Publication)

IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT
Discover Bank, Petitioner, v. David Randell Snowball, Respondent.

Case : 13-047

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT: David Randell Snowball

You are hereby informed that you have been named a respondent in the above-entitled civil lawsuit. This legal notice of the *Petition to Register & Enforce a Foreign Judgment or Order* is now served upon you by publication. Your written *Answer* to the *Petition* must be filed with the Court on or before the twentieth day from the date of the published issuance of this *Summons* in . See *Ho-Chunk Nation Rules of Civil Procedure*, Rules 5(C)(1)(f), 6(A). You may request a hearing within your written response. *Id.*, Rule 73(A). Also, you must send or present a copy of your *Answer* to the opposing party listed above or to their attorney of record. Failure to file a timely *Answer* in the time allowed can *affect your right to object to the enforcement of the foreign judgment or order*. *Id.*, Rule 54.

The Trial Court is physically located at Wa Ehi Hocira, W9598 Highway 54 East, Black River Falls, (Jackson County) Wisconsin. The Trial Court's mailing address is P. O. Box 70, Black River Falls, WI 54615. The telephone number is (715) 284-2722, or toll free 800-434-4070, and the facsimile number is (715) 284-3136.

Ho-Chunk Community Safety Summit: Protecting the Ho-Chunk Nation

Marlon WhiteEagle
Editor

On April 22 & 23, 2013, the Ho-Chunk Nation, National Criminal Justice Training Center, and Fox Valley Technical College sponsored the Ho-Chunk Community Safety Summit: Protecting the Ho-Chunk Nation at the

Ho-Chunk Convention Center in Baraboo, Wisconsin.

The summit agenda offered presentations on how to organize and establish safety measures in communities.

The summit opened with Welcoming Remarks by Sheila Corbine, Attorney General, Ho-Chunk Nation;

J.B. Van Hollen, Attorney General, Wisconsin Department of Justice; and Peter Jarosz, Assistant U.S. Attorney, Western District of Wisconsin.

Dave Raasch, Tribal Courts Program Specialist of the National Criminal Justice Training Center at Fox Valley Technical College presented a session titled, Healthy Tribal Communities Begin with the Family. Raasch emphasizes cultural standards and mechanisms to keep Native communities safe from within.

Peter Jarosz, Assistant U.S. Attorney, Western District of Wisconsin, presented Understanding Public Law 280 and is Retrocession a Viable Option. Jarosz gave an introduction to Federal Indian Law and covered relevant federal statutes, as well as case law.

Raasch, the Ho-Chunk Nation Clan Mothers, and Earl Blackdeer presented Traditional Courts: Peacemaking and the Art of Dispute Resolution and Healing. This session covered the failure of colonially imposed adversarial system by measuring the level of violence, unresolved historical trauma, substance abuse, dysfunctional systems and the

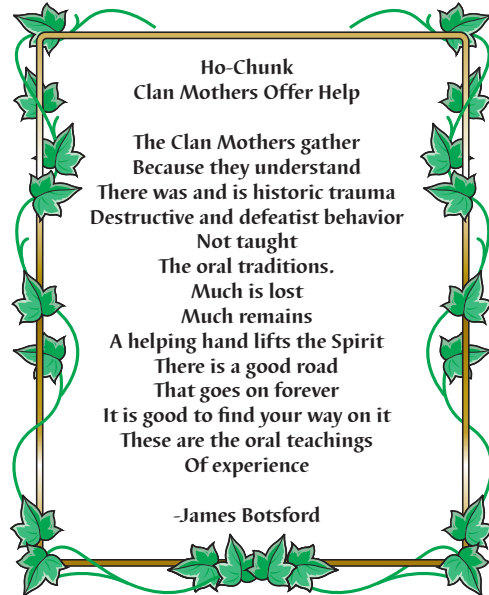


James Botsford, Director of Wisconsin Judicature (Retired), and Myrtle Long, Ho-Chunk Nation Clan Mothers at the Ho-Chunk Community Safety Summit that was held at the Ho-Chunk Convention Center in Baraboo, Wisconsin on April 22 & 23.

breakdown of cultural values.

On day two, Lindsey Draper, Disproportionate Minority Contact Coordinator-Wisconsin Office of Justice Assistance, talked about law enforcement is working to instill faith and develop cooperation in the community in the presentation Fair and Impartial Policing: A Different Approach to a Vexing Problem. Draper discussed implicit and explicit biases and the use of data to improve the work of law enforcement.

James Botsford, Director (Retired) of Wisconsin Judicature, discussed how working across jurisdictional differences is needed to create safer Tribal communities. Botsford said this can be seen as exercising tribal sovereignty. Botsford wrote and dedicated a poem to Myrtle Long, who he has known and respected for a quarter of a century, in recognition for her work with the Clan Mothers.



**Come join us for the 14th Annual
Canoe Trip!**

Friday, June 14th, 2013

**Wildcat Mountain State Park – Lower Level
Hwy 33, Ontario, WI**

**For more information and/or to register please contact
Chris Frederick at House of Wellness before June 3rd, 2013.
(608) 355-1240 ext. 5611**

This event is sponsored by the Special Diabetes Grant for Indians.



Night of Remembrance Walk

The Friday before the Memorial Day Pow-Wow celebration begins we don't just come to remember our veterans we come to remember and honor those friends and family members who have fought the fight with cancer. Some have won and some have walked on, but on Friday May 24th we walk for all of them. The Ho-Chunk Cancer Task Force and the Journey Forward Cancer Support Group would like to invite everyone to the Andrew Blackhawk Memorial Pow-Wow ground on Friday May 24th from 5:00 pm to 10:00 pm for the Night of Remembrance. There will be a meal provided at 5:00 with a drum ceremony at 6:00. At 7:00 the DJ will start playing and the luminaries will be lit. The white luminary bags are used to write the name of a cancer survivor or in memory of someone who has passed from cancer, they are available ahead of time for \$1.00 from Linda DeLay or Louise Voss at the clinic, and at the time of the event. You can decorate the bag any way you like, once you turn them in we place them around the Pow-wow ring with a candle inside and at 7:00 they are light and they glow during the walk. There are raffle items drawn throughout the night and lots of fun music to walk to, requests are encouraged! Please join us on Friday May 24th as we honor and remember those friends and family members with cancer.

Louise Voss, Community Health Educator

Homebuyer Education



Does the idea of a mortgage scare you?

Have you ever thought about buying a home?

Date Saturday, June 1, 2013

Time 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Location Indian Mission Community Bldg.
Black River Falls, WI

Sponsors HHCA & NHS of Richland Co.

Join Us Homebuyer Education can help reduce the stress & confusion of buying a home.

It is a great place to start if you're considering buying a home & are not quite ready. Come & Learn about Down Payment Assistance Programs. Snacks, Lunch, Door Prize will be provided! Hurry and call for a reservation!

Contact Name
Winona Mann
(608) 374-1245

HOUSING STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE HO-CHUNK NATION LEGISLATURE REGULAR MEETING – TRIBAL OFFICE BUILDING Thursday, May 9, 2013 - 1:00 PM

- I. CALL TO ORDER:
- II. ROLL CALL: Rep. James Greendeer, Presiding Officer (Ex)
Rep. Greg Littlejohn, Second Presiding Officer, Rep. Susan Weber, District 1
Rep. Andrea Estebo, District 2 (Ex), Rep. Heather Cloud, District 3
Rep. Shelby Visintin, District 4, Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit, District 5
- III. DETERMINATION OF QUORUM:
- IV. OPENING PRAYER:
- V. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:
- VI. MEETING MINUTES: April 11, 2013 Housing Committee meeting minutes were ratified at April 23, 2013 Legislative meeting.
- VII. REPORTS:
- VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:
a. VHCA – Patti Hanson
- IX. NEW BUSINESS:
a. Home Repair Loan – Patti Hanson
b. Down Payment Assistance Program – Patti Hanson
c. VSH - HHCA
- X. ADJOURNMENT:

Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Health Health Accreditation Board

Call for volunteers from Area 2, 3 & 4 to serve

The Board's duties include (but are not limited to):

- Is the Governing Body for the accreditation process
- Reviews and approves Department policies and procedures
- Reviews and approves Department strategic plans
- Ensures quality of care is evaluated and problems addressed
- Participates in other governance functions for the Department

Board description:

- Meets at least monthly, usually on the third Friday of the month
- Most meetings are held at the Ho-Chunk Health Care Center in Black River Falls, but some are at the House of Wellness in Baraboo and occasionally at other locations
- Members may also participate and vote by telephone
- Travel expenses, stipend, lodging costs, etc. are available (meetings, training, conferences, etc.)
- The Board has at least nine members, one community member from at least two areas. Areas 1 and 5 are represented on the Board—but to strengthen community representation, members are being sought from areas 2, 3 and 4.

Here are the qualifications we seek:

- Enrolled member in a Native American tribe with Ho-Chunk preference observed.
- Health background preferred.
- Willingness to attend all meetings and training.
- Willingness to learn.

For more information, call: (715) 284-9851 or e-mail kenneth.lemieux@ho-chunk.com

To be considered for this important opportunity in service to the Ho-Chunk Nation, please submit a letter of intent/resume that includes information about your background to:

Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Health
Attention: Mr. Kenneth LeMieux, Executive Director
N6250 Lumberjack Guy Road, Black River Falls, WI 54615

Public meeting notice:

Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Health Health Accreditation Board

Regular monthly meeting to be held:

9:00 AM May 17, 2013

Community Classroom - Ho-Chunk Health Care Center
N6250 Lumberjack Guy Road, Black River Falls, WI 54615
Call for more information or if special accommodation is required:
(715) 284-9851



Ho-Chunk Nation – Department of Labor

477/TERO divisions

SOFT SKILLS Workshop

The 477 & TERO divisions will be holding workshops in the months of April and May 2013 in Black River Falls, WI at the HCN executive building in the Dept of Labor Conference Room. These classes will emphasize skills and characteristics that all employers look that make you a valuable asset to them. This training is designed to emphasize a strong Work Ethic to help you maintain employment.

Additionally, we will cover topics to help you with Job Searching, Job Applications, Resumes, and Interviewing skills.

Date: May 22, 2013

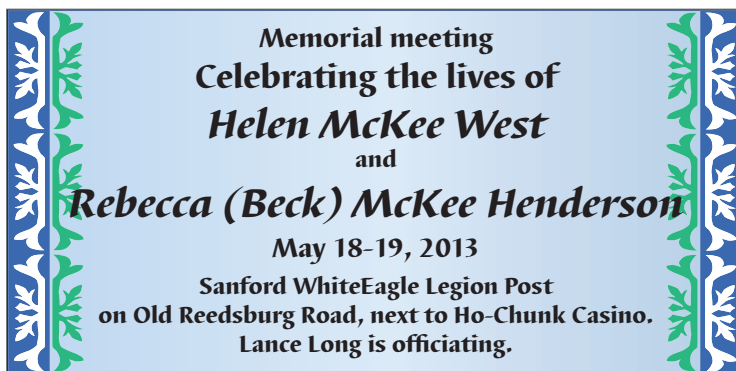
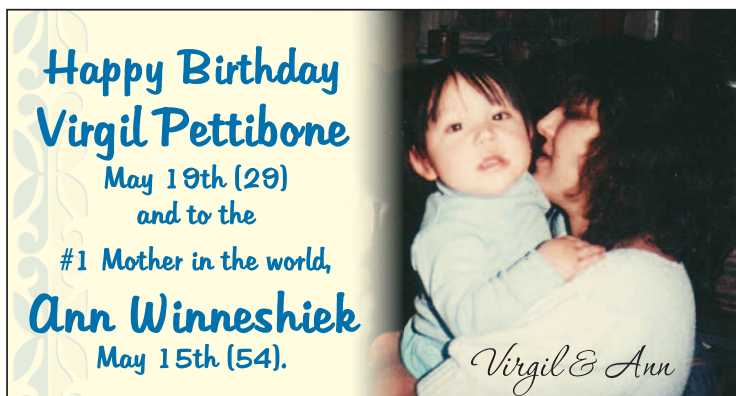
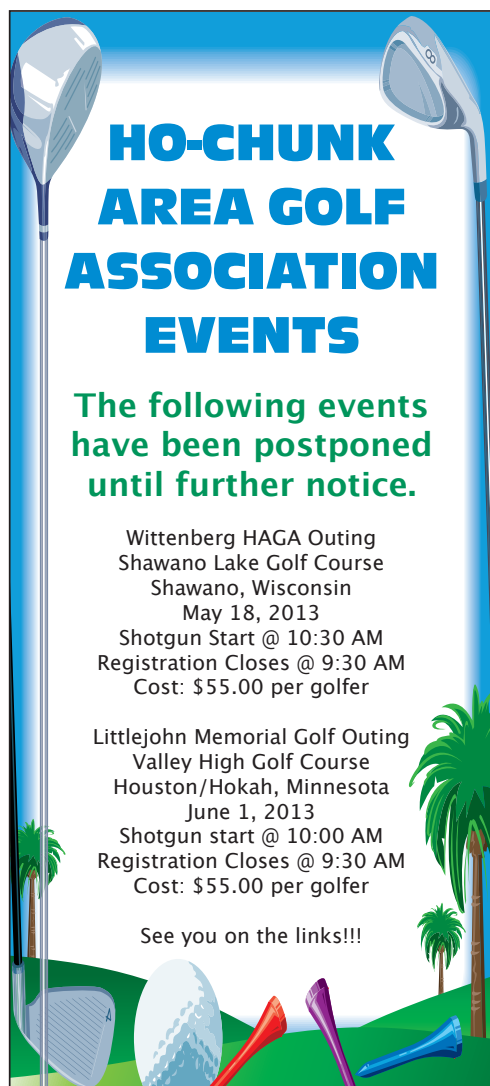
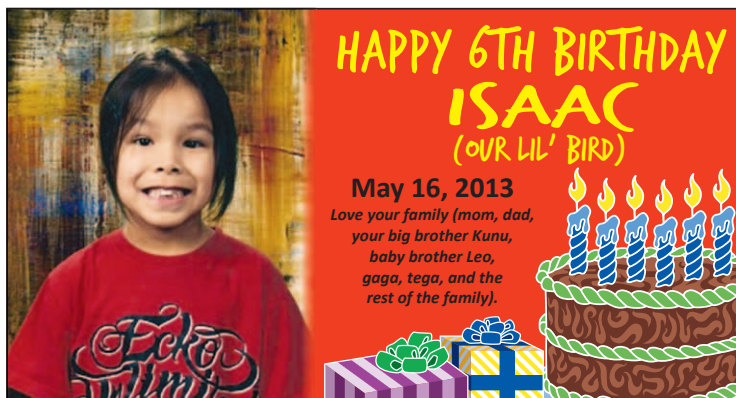
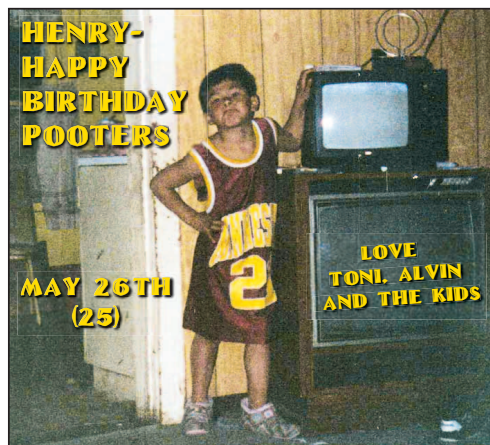


Contact a Case Manager for more details – (715) 284-5877 or 1-800-294-9343

*Sage Funmaker

*Melissa Johnson

*Julie Rodriguez



Welcome Back Anna

Special thanks to Ileana Henry and Anna Reichenbach



NOTICE AND RULES OF GENERAL ELECTION TUESDAY, JUNE 4, 2013



Notice is hereby served to all eligible voters of the Ho-Chunk Nation that the Ho-Chunk Nation Election Board, in accordance with the Constitution of the Ho-Chunk Nation has called a General Primary Election. **ARTICLE VIII – ELECTIONS** and the Election Code 2 HCC Sec. 6, states in relevant part:

Chapter 1, Section 5. Elections. The Constitution prescribes two (2) types of elections; General Elections and Special Elections. When Three (3) or more candidates run for a seat in a General or a Special Election, there shall be Primary Election and, if required, a Runoff Election as described in Section 5, paragraph (1)

(3) Any candidate who received fifty percent (50%) plus one (1) of the total votes cast shall be deemed as the winner.

Therefore the following were Declared Winners in their respective Districts as of March 5, 2013:

District 1, Seat1: Greg Blackdeer
District 2, Seat 3: David Greendeer
District 5, Seat 1: Kathyleen Vidette Lonetree-Whiterabbit
District 5, Seat 3: Gregory A. Littlejohn
District 5, Seat 4: Matt Mullen

Supreme Court Chief Justice: Mary Jo Brooks Hunter
Supreme Court Associate Justice 1: Dr. Jeremy Patrick Rockman, EDD

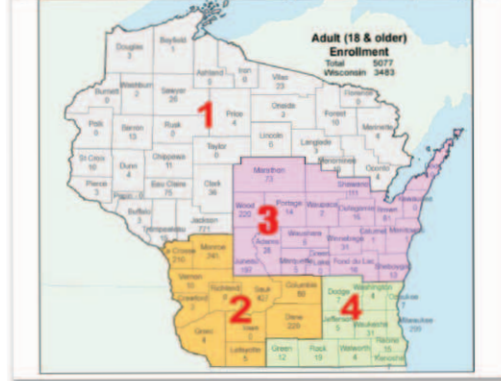
b. General Elections

(1). General Elections shall be held in accordance with Article VIII, Section 1 of the Constitution, which states: *Section 1. General Elections. General Elections shall be held on the first Tuesday in June of odd numbered years. Offices of the Legislature, Executive, and Judiciary shall be filled at General Elections*

Therefore the following will be placed on the ballot for the General Election on Tuesday, June 4, 2013

LEGISLATURE:
District 1, Seat 3
July 2013 – July 2017
Rhonda Winneshiek-Anderson
Douglas G. Greengrass

Ho-Chunk Nation Enrolled Adults and Legislative Districts, January 2010



District 2, Seat 2:
July 2013 – June 2017
Henning Garvin
James Greendeer

District 3, Seat 2:
July 2013 – June 2017
Darren Brinegar
Kimberly Waukau

ELIGIBLE VOTERS:

Any enrolled member of the Ho-Chunk Nation who is at least eighteen (18) years old and who has resided in their respective district **for at least three (3) months prior to the date of the General Election.** See *Election Board Ordinance Sec. 11(b)*

REGISTRATION:

Each person seeking to vote must register at the polling place by showing identification before receiving an Official Ballot. If a person cannot write, that person must sign his/her name with a mark before two (2) witnesses. A Ho-Chunk translator will be available to assist any tribal member who requests assistance.

ELIGIBILITY DISPUTES:

Any individual whose name does not appear on the eligible voters list can claim the right to vote by presenting a written challenge to the Election Board. Any eligible voter may challenge the eligibility of an individual's name appearing on the eligible voters list by presenting a written challenge to the Election Board. Challenges must be received at the Election Office prior to 4:00 P.M. on Tuesday, May 14, 2013. Such claims or challenges may be hand-delivered, faxed or mailed to:

Ho-Chunk Nation Election Board
206 South Roosevelt Road
P.O. Box 756
Black River Falls, WI. 54615
TELEPHONE (715)284-8900
TOLL FREE (800)890-0583
FAX NUMBER (715)284-8600
E-MAIL:
Election.board@ho-chunk.com

The Election Board shall rule on all written challenges to the eligible voters list immediately after the close of the challenge period. The Election Board shall post the list of eligible voters at the location of the Polling Places at least thirty (30) calendar days before the election. The Election Board shall accept written challenges to the list of eligible voters until twenty (20) calendar days before the election. Deadline to challenge the candidates (s) list to Election Board is Tuesday, May 14, 2013 @ 4:30 p.m

ABSENTEE VOTING:

A voter may vote by absentee ballot provided the Election Board receives the absentee ballot request in writing no later than Wednesday, May 29, 2013 by 4:00 P.M. See *Election Board Code, sec. 12 a (1)* Requests MUST INCLUDE the eligible voter's name printed or typed (with signature), physical address where the ballot will be delivered (we use UPS Next Day Air – UPS Next Day Air will not deliver to a P.O. Box), daytime telephone number and enrollment number. Absentee Ballots must be received before 7:00 P.M. on Tuesday, June 4, 2013.

Absentee ballots may be returned by overnight mail, so they may be received at the Election Board Office or the polling places prior to the Election Day. **NOTE THAT FEDEX AND UPS NEXT DAY AIR DOES NOT DELIVER IN BLACK RIVER FALLS ON SATURDAYS.**

ELECTIONEERING:

There shall be no electioneering within fifty (50) feet of any polling places. See *Election Board Code Sect. 13(i)*

POSTING ELECTION RESULTS:

The Election Board shall certify and post the official election results within three (3) days after the date of election. See *Election Board Code, Sect. 14(h) (3)*

CONTESTING OF ELECTION RESULTS:

Any member of the Ho-Chunk Nation may challenge the results of any election results within ten (10) days after the Election Board certifies the results. The Trial Court shall hear and decide a challenge to any election within twenty (20) days after the challenge is filed in the Trial Court. *HCN Constitution Article VIII, Sect. 7 and Election Code 18(a).*

POLLING PLACES:

OPEN AT 8:00 A.M AND CLOSE AT 7:00 P.M.

•BLACK RIVER FALLS, WI.
HHCA
INDIAN MISSION
715/299-6104

•TOMAH, WI
TRIBAL AGING UNIT
358 EOS ROAD
608/372-4547

•LACROSSE, WI.
LACROSSE BRANCH OFFICE
724 MAIN STREET
608/783-6025

•WISCONSIN DELLS, WI.
HOUSE OF WELLNESS
S2845 WHITEEAGLE ROAD
608/355-1254

•WISCONSIN RAPIDS, WI.
CHAK-HAH-CHEE COMM. BLD.
916 CHAK-HAH-CHEE LANE
715/886-5444

•WITTENBERG, WI.
TRIBAL AGING UNIT
W17956 WITT-BIRN TOWNLINE ROAD
715/253-3536

•CHICAGO, IL.
CHICAGO BRANCH OFFICE
5744 W IRVING PARK RD
773/202-8433

•MILWAUKEE, WI.
MILWAUKEE BRANCH OFFICE
3501 S. HOWELL AVENUE
414/747-8680

•ST PAUL/MINNEAPOLIS, MN
MPLS./ST PAUL BRANCH OFFICE
1821 UNIVERSITY AVE. SO. STE 409A
651/641-1801

•MADISON, WI.
MADISON BRANCH OFFICE
1320 MENDOTA STREET
608/277-9741

GREEN BAY, WI
BRANCH OFFICE
1047 9th Street
920/360-1898

WISCONSIN DELLS, WI.
INDIAN HEIGHTS
N9557 DYER AVENUE
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**OATH OF OFFICE
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